

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

STEVEN ERIC PRESTWOOD,

Defendant.

Case No. 2:25-CR-0112-TOR

STIPULATED PROTECTIVE  
ORDER REGARDING  
COMPUTER FORENSIC  
REVIEW PROCEDURES FOR  
CHILD PORNOGRAPHY  
CONTRABAND

BEFORE THE COURT is the parties' Stipulated Motion for Protective Order re Computer Forensic Review Procedures. ECF No. 16. The motion was noted for hearing without oral argument. Having reviewed the file and the records therein, the Court is fully informed. For good cause shown, the motion is GRANTED.

ACCORDINGLY, it is hereby ordered:

1. 18 U.S.C. § 3509(m) applies to this case, and the Court is required to deny defense requests to copy, photograph, duplicate, or otherwise reproduce material constituting child pornography if the government makes the material reasonably available to Defendant and provides an ample opportunity for the

1 defense to examine it at a government facility. *See* 18 U.S.C. § 3509(m).

2       2.     IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, in order to comply with 18 U.S.C.  
3 § 3509(m), and to allow Defendant the greatest opportunity to prepare an effective  
4 defense in preparation for trial in this matter, the government will make a true  
5 forensic, bit-by-bit E01 image of devices and media containing alleged child  
6 pornography contraband at issue in the above-referenced case. The government  
7 will make that forensic image reasonably available to Defendant and provide  
8 ample opportunity for the defense team to examine it at a government facility in  
9 Spokane, Washington. The parties may readdress the Court if there is a need for  
10 additional or after-hours access during the course of litigation in the event trial or  
11 motion hearings require additional forensic review.

12       3.     IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the defense forensic examination  
13 will be conducted in an interview room monitored by closed-circuit television  
14 (“CC-TV”), without audio feed. While the TV with non-audio feed will ensure the  
15 integrity of FBI space and security of its occupants, the video feed is not of  
16 sufficient detail or at an angle that would reveal defense strategy. The government  
17 and its agents expressly agree that no attempt will be made to record any audio  
18 from the workstation and that no attempt will be made to observe the defense  
19 team’s work product or computer monitor screen at any time. The defense expert  
20 may review the feed to ensure that defense strategy is not being compromised at  
21 any time while conducting the forensic review.

1           4.     IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the defense team<sup>1</sup> shall not make,  
2 nor permit to be made, any copies of the alleged child pornography contraband  
3 pursuant to this Protective Order and shall not remove any contraband images from  
4 the government facility. The defense expert will be allowed to copy any file that is  
5 not contraband and compile a report (without contraband images/videos)  
6 documenting the examination on removable media at the discretion of the defense  
7 expert.

8           5.     IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the designated defense expert,  
9 Jennifer McCann, will leave at the government facility any equipment, including  
10 hard drives, which contain child pornography contraband that is identified during  
11 forensic evaluation. The parties may readdress this matter with the Court upon  
12 notice that the defense intends to retain a different defense expert.

13          6.     IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that for the purpose of trial, the  
14 government agrees to make available a digital copy of any government trial exhibit  
15 that contains contraband, which will be kept in the custody and control of the case  
16 agent. Upon reasonable notice by the defense, the case agent will also maintain for  
17 trial digital copies of any proposed defense exhibit that contains contraband. If the  
18 defense team intends to offer, publish, or otherwise utilize any government or  
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20 <sup>1</sup> For purposes of this Protective Order, the term “defense team” refers solely to  
21 Defendant’s counsel of record (“defense counsel”), Defendant’s designated expert  
 (“defense expert”), and a defense investigator.

1 defense exhibit contained on the digital copy maintained by the case agent during  
2 trial, the case agent shall assist the defense team in publishing or utilizing the  
3 exhibit that contains contraband upon notification by the defense team.

4 IT IS SO ORDERED. The Clerk shall enter this Order and furnish copies to  
5 counsel.

6 Dated July 28, 2025.



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United States District Judge